

**LEGAL  
AUTHORITY**

Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1346 et seq.

42 CFR 440.170(f)

Social Welfare Act, 1939 PA 280, as amended, MCL 400.14(1)(p)

Medicaid State Plan is the state's contract with the federal government to provide a Medicaid program. Independent living services (home help) is the Medicaid State Plan for personal care services in the home. The Michigan Department of Community Health is the single state agency for Medicaid.

**MISSION  
STATEMENT**

The purpose of independent living services (ILS) is to provide a range of supportive and assistance related services to enable individuals of any age to live safely in the most independent setting of their choice.

The vision of independent living services is to:

- Ensure client choice and personal dignity.
- Ensure clients are safe and secure, as possible.
- Encourage clients to function to the maximum degree of their capabilities.

To accomplish this vision, DHS will:

- Act as resource brokers for clients.
- Advocate for equal access to available resources.
- Develop and maintain fully functioning partnerships that educate and effectively allocate limited resources on behalf of our clients.

**PROGRAM  
GOALS**

Independent living services are directed toward the following goals:

- To encourage and support the client's right and responsibility to make informed choices.
- To ensure the necessary supports are offered to assist the client to live independently and with dignity.

- To recognize and encourage the client's natural support system.
- To ensure flexibility in service planning, respecting the client's right to determine what services are necessary.
- To provide the necessary tools to enable client self-advocacy.

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Program goal attainment will be measured by:

- **Client:** clients will be referred to appropriate programs/resources. The status of referrals will be closely monitored.
- **Client Safety:** clients will be supported, as safely as possible, in the setting of their choice.
- **Client Service Supports:** as a client's functionality declines, progressively increased service supports will be offered to enable living in the least restrictive setting.

## SERVICE DELIVERY METHODS

Home help services are delivered by the case management methodology. Services to non-Medicaid individuals are delivered by the supportive services methodology. Refer to ASM 103, Service Methodology for descriptions.

## JOINT POLICY DEVELOPMENT

*The Adult Services Manual (ASM) policy has been developed jointly by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Department of Human Services (DHS).*